

Important Option Information Regarding Your Insurance Destroyed (Totaled) Vehicle

After a vehicle has been declared a total loss and the Certificate of Ownership (title) has been surrendered to the Department of Licensing, you are entitled to pursue one of several options. Please follow the instructions below for the applicable option:

If you intend to use the repaired vehicle on the public highways, once the repairs have been made, please take the vehicle and receipts for all replacement parts to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) for an inspection. The purpose of the VIN inspection is to verify that neither the vehicle nor the parts used for repair were stolen. Most inspection stations require appointments, so please be sure to call ahead. You can visit the WSP Internet website at <http://www.wa.gov/wsp/traveler/vinhours.pdf> or contact your local state patrol office for the location of the nearest inspection station. You will need to obtain a transit permit (\$3.50), available at any Washington vehicle licensing office, to drive the vehicle to the WSP for the inspection.

Vehicles reported as "Total Loss" under RCW 46.12.070 that are retained by the owner(s) shown on DOL records, may be issued a 60-day temporary use permit, pending a scheduled WSP inspection. Registration must be current for the duration of the permit (WAC 308-56A-140).

Once you have obtained an inspection from the WSP, please take the inspection documents, your registration and copy of this letter to your local vehicle licensing office to apply for a certificate of ownership and registration. A WSP inspection fee, in addition to other titling and licensing fees, will be collected at the time you apply for a new certificate of ownership.

If you choose not to repair the vehicle because the vehicle has sustained only minor damage (for example, there is a dent in the rear quarter panel or bumper and the value

is less than the cost to repair) you will need to obtain a transit permit (\$3.50), available at any Washington vehicle licensing office, to drive the vehicle to the WSP for the inspection.

Once you have obtained an inspection from the WSP, please take the inspection documents, your registration and copy of this letter to your local vehicle licensing office to apply for a certificate of ownership and registration. Any vehicle that has been reported to the department as a total loss must be inspected by WSP prior to application for a new certificate of ownership and registration.

If you are selling the vehicle, please give this letter to the purchaser with a notarized bill of sale. If the vehicle is less than ten years old, you also need to provide the purchaser with an odometer disclosure statement available at any Washington vehicle licensing office. The purchaser will need to take the vehicle to the WSP for a VIN inspection to verify that neither the vehicle nor the parts used for repair were stolen. In addition, please submit a Seller Report of Sale to the Department of Licensing. Per Washington State Law, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.12.101 a properly filed report of sale received by the department within five days from the sale of the vehicle, relieves the seller of civil or criminal liability for the operation of the vehicle. The report of sale can be completed at your local vehicle licensing office for \$3.50 or on-line at <https://wws2.wa.gov/dol/vehabs/> and click on "Report your Vehicle Sold".

If you are using the vehicle for parts, please give the purchaser of each part a bill of sale, which includes a description of the part(s) purchased and the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) provided in the cover letter. The remaining portion of the vehicle (hulk), when sold, must be accompanied by a notarized bill of sale that includes the vehicle description and VIN.